

HAMATEUR CHATTER



The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.

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By the time this issue of Hamateur Chatter reaches you, former editor, Harry, KD9AJ, and his XYL, Donna, N9INT, will be settling into their new home in sunny Florida. Harry has assured me that the station will be the first thing set up in their trailer in Bradenton, so perhaps some of us will finally be able to hear KD9AJ on the HF bands. They will be returning to these parts during the summer months to visit family and friends. On behalf of the club, let me extend thanks to you both for contributions to MRAC in the past and wish you all the best at your new QTH.

The Nominating Committee presented at the March meeting a slate of candidates for club officers and directors. The list is:

President - Edward Wille W9PWG
1st Vice-President - Travis Baird W9VQD
2nd Vice-President - Fred Linn W9NZF
Secretary - Ed Seruga KE9JJ
Treasurer - Chris Welton WD9GZL
Directors - Roger Zaun W9UVV
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Nominations will be taken from the floor at the April meeting and the election will be held at the May meeting which is also the Annual Meeting.

Spring is just around the corner and, for hams involved in ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service), that indicates the imminent arrival of the severe weather season. Milwaukee County ARES received a presentation of the Advanced Severe Weather Spotters Training Course given by Mr. Glen Fields of the National Weather Service at its March meeting. The program was both informative and interesting with many good tips to help those present to sharpen their spotting skills. ARES Nets are held at 9 PM on Monday nights on the 146.67 repeater. All interested persons are invited to tune in and hams with the appropriate licenses are encouraged to check into the net. More on ARES next month.

Field Day weekend will be by June 23rd and 24th this year. Mark your calendars now and think about what you can do to join in the fun. Our biggest need each year is for operators during the wee hours from about 10 PM to 7 AM. No contribution, no matter how small, is unnecessary or unappreciated. The emphasis at the MRAC Field Day site is to have as much fun as possible while seeing how many contacts we can make. We don't aim to get the top score, but in past years we have always managed to make a respectable showing. This year should not prove to be any different. A sign-up sheet will be available at the April meeting and an organizational meeting will be slated for late May or early June. Additional information will be presented here and at upcoming meetings. Thanks to all who signed up at the last meeting.

At the March meeting, Travis Baird, W9VQD, held a mini-auction of some antique handbooks and some other junk box fillers. With that out of the way, he told us about the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA). Thanks, Travis, for an informative program.

The Spring Get-Together will be held this year on June 14th at Tanner Paul Restaurant in West Allis. See the accompanying flyer for details.

Roger Zaun, W9UVV, has some Commodore Computer Equipment in A-One condition that he would like to sell as a lot. Included are a C64, 1541 disk drive, 1526 letter-quality printer, a graphics printer with tractor feed unit, manuals, >1350 programs (many with manuals) and much more. If you would like to make an offer on this equipment, you can contact Roger at 242-4931.

The next meeting of MRAC will be held on April 26, 1990, at the Wauwatosa Savings and Loan Building, 7500 W. State St. The doors will be open about 7 PM and the meeting starts at 7:30.

Anyone with information for the newsletter can call 463-7668, please leave the message on the answering machine. All calls are screened. You may also mail it to Hamateur Chatter, 5618 N. 41st St., Milwaukee, WI, 53209.

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